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The Honorable David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby returning without my approval H. 3941, R-175 a Joint Resolution:

TO POSTPONE UNTIL PROPERTY TAX YEARS BEGINNING AFTER 2003 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED VALUES DETERMINED IN THE COUNTYWIDE APPRAISAL AND EQUALIZATION PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN COLLETON COUNTY IN 2001.

This bill is special legislation that would give Colleton County the authority to postpone implementation of the revised values determined in its 2001 countywide appraisal and equalization program. The purpose of this bill has been accomplished by general law, Act 69, S. 274, R-138, which gives all counties the authority to postpone implementation of reassessment program values for an additional property tax year. I signed S. 274, R-138 into law on June 18, 2003. Accordingly, H. 3941, R-175 is not necessary.

This veto is also based on my belief that H. 3941, R-175 is unconstitutional. Since this bill affects only Colleton County, it violates Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which provides that "[n]o laws for a specific county shall be enacted."

For these reasons, I am returning H. 3941, R-175 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MS", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford
Governor